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Japanese patent document number 3,145,355 is discussed on pages 1-3 of the subject specification.

Japanese patent document number 4-245406 is discussed on page 3 of the subject specification, and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,227,948.


Japanese patent document number 9-68221 is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the subject specification.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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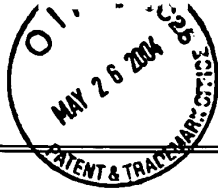
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